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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 7-2016
Thursday, June 16, 2016**

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission convened
in the Mayor and Council Chambers on
June 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Rob Achtmeyer, Chair
Emily Correll
Anita Neal-Powell
Jessica Reynolds
Stefanie Tinch

Present: Jim Wasilak, Chief of Zoning
Cynthia Walters, Deputy City Attorney
Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner

I. AGENDA REVIEW WORKSESSION (Black Eyed Susan Conference Room)

Chair Achtmeyer announced that the Agenda Review Worksession was held, and that no decisions were made. He also noted that the meeting is open to the public.

II. COMMITTEE / ORGANIZATION REPORTS

- A. Peerless Rockville – Nancy Pickard, Executive Director, announced recent events for the organization, and noted that Peerless Rockville had been contacted by the National Park Service regarding nominating Frieda's Cottage as a National Historic Landmark.
- B. Lincoln Park Historical Foundation – no report.
- C. Public Comments/Open Forum
- D. HDC and Staff Comments – Clark Larson, GIS Manager for Planning, presented the walking tours for Lost Rockville and African-American Heritage that are now available online via any capable device in an interactive story map format, incorporating text and pictures from the posted plaques that exist. Nancy Pickard noted that Peerless Rockville had an intern to inventory historic and wayfinding signage, and would be happy to report the results to HDC.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 19, 2016

B. REVIEW AND ACTION

TAX CREDIT HDC2016-00797, Del III, LLC c/o C. Steven Georgilakis – for a tax credit of \$15,752.03 for deck replacement and repair at 14 South Adams Street

TAX CREDIT HDC2016-00799, Robert C. Drummonf and Lori A. Miller – for a tax credit of \$13,564.00 for roof repair and replacement at 229 West Montgomery Avenue.

TAX CREDIT HDC2016-00800, Darby Joint Venture – for a tax credit of \$9,350.00 repair and painting of rear porch and steps, repair and installation of new drain lines and downspouts and foundation repair at 109 North Adams Street.

C. Time Extension for Certificate of Approval HDC2015-00706, Erin Mahony – for a 6-month extension for Certificate of Approval for second-story bathroom exhaust vent at 405 West Montgomery Avenue.

D. Certificate of Approval HDC2016-00805, Erin Mahoney - Amend applications HDC2016-00706 and HDC2016-00774 to install a 6” round duct instead of a 4” square duct at 405 West Montgomery Avenue.

Commissioner Reynolds moved, seconded by Commissioner Neal Powell, to remove the May 19 minutes from the consent agenda. The motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Reynolds moved, seconded by Commissioner Correll, to approve the revised consent agenda. The motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Correll then moved, seconded by Commissioner Tincher, to approve the May 19 minutes, as revised. The motion passed 3-0, with Commissioners Achtmeyer and Reynolds abstaining.

IV. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

A. HDC2016-00803, Scheer Partners, Inc., Care of Stephen J. Orens, McMillan Metro, P.C. – for replacement of 24 windows at 109 North Adams Street

This application was postponed until July at the request of the applicant.

V. RECOMMENDATION - NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION

A. HDC2016-00807, New Mark Commons Homes Association – for Review of New Mark Commons Nomination to National Register of Historic Places

Sheila Bashiri explained the HDC’s role in the nomination, and the significance of the community in its planning and design that had been found by the Maryland Historical Trust through the nomination process.

John Hansman, 6 Radburn Court and president of the New Mark Commons Homes Association, explained the origins of the nomination process and answered questions from the HDC.

Daniel Baressi, 1 Harlow Court, expressed concerns about the nomination on behalf of some homeowners, and spoke in opposition.

Nancy Pickard, Executive Director of Peerless Rockville, spoke in support of the nomination.

Commissioner Neal Powell expressed concern about whether the affected residents were aware of the nomination and had been done to publicize the process. Ms. Bashiri explained that the City mailed notice to each property owner in the proposed National Register district rather than just posting it in the newspaper.

Judy Rudolph, 830 New Mark Esplanade, explained what outreach had been done by the association.

Commissioner Reynolds moved, seconded by Commissioner Tincher, to concur with the findings of the Maryland Historical Trust, and recommend listing of New Mark Commons in the National Register of Historic Places. The motion passed 4-1, with Commissioner Neal Powell opposed.

Chair Achtmeyer noted that anyone who has concerns about the designation may contact the Mayor and Council, and anyone with questions may contact the National Register.

VI. DISCUSSION

A. Old Business

Jim Wasilak noted that the Historic Preservation text amendment would be considered for authorization to file on August 1. He also asked if commissioners would be interested in a briefing on its contents, as it has been some time since the HDC had discussed the draft. Chair Achtmeyer stated that it would be appropriate for July or September.

Chair Achtmeyer asked whether there had been any activity on the appointment of the alternate, to which the response was that there had not been.

B. New Business

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Achtmeyer adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.